



South Florida Water Management District

Public Meeting to Discuss Regulatory Matters

March 19, 2014

10:00 a.m.

**South Florida Water Management District - B-1 Storch Room
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406**

MEETING MINUTES

Staff Present:

Sharon M. Trost, Director, Regulation Division
Anthony Waterhouse, Assistant Director, Regulation Division
Charles Walter, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Dan Waters, Regulatory Administrator, Orlando Service Center
Stan Orłowski, Section Administrator, Regulatory Support
Thomas Colios, Section Leader, Water Use
Anita Bain, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Permitting Bureau
Ricardo Valera, Bureau Chief, Environmental Resource Compliance
Jesse Markel, Section Leader, Okeechobee Service Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Trost at 10:02 a.m. Ms. Trost reviewed the purpose and requested all comments be regarding regulatory issues and introduced staff at headquarters and the service centers. There were six member of the public present at the District Headquarters. There were no members of the public present at any of the Service Centers.

2. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Pending Final Action

Application 130807-1 Harborage Marina

Staff provided an update indicating that this application has been withdrawn.

Application 130108-17 Biscayne Landing

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern and opposition to the issuance of the permit.

Public Comment: Daryl Lee, Project Manager for Biscayne Landing, addressed concerns expressed by the public regarding the project.

3. Applications of Heightened Public Concern Not Complete

Application All Aboard Florida (various application)

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concern regarding this application, more specifically regarding the amount of travel that will be taken on the rails daily. Ms. Larson inquired regarding the status of heightened public concern regarding this application.

Staff clarified the criteria of heightened public concern applications.

Public Comment: Anne Kuhl expressed concern of the issuance of permits and request clarification on the names.

Staff explained that the project name comes from the application. Staff will consider a better approach to project names with regards to “also known as” areas.

Public Comment: Drew Martin, representing Sierra Club, inquired regarding this application and expressed concerns specifically regarding any potential impacts to Johnathan Dickinson State Park.

Staff explained the known purpose and the current application status. Staff also explained that trains are currently running through the park.

Application 120703-6 Gulfstream Preserve

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

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Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application specifically regarding water for cypress trees.

Staff explained the application is complete and the plans include preserving the cypress trees.

Application 140212-1 NPBCID Unit 2 C Phase 1

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application and expressed concern and opposition to the issuance of permit.

Staff responded with a brief summary of the application.

Application 140212-1 NPBCID Unit 2 C Phase 1

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the purpose of this application and any relation with the Briger Tract. Mr. Martin also expressed concern regarding existing wildlife within this site.

Staff responded that this project is within the Briger Tract and that the District currently is reviewing a Water Use and an Environmental Resource Permit also, any concerns with wildlife would be addressed by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Application 080103-6 Town of Big Cypress

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding updates to this application.

Staff explained there are currently no updates.

Application 050202-14 Airport- Sears M S B U Master Plan Drainage District

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application specifically regarding expansion and wetlands and inquired if the applicant proposed any expansion to the airport.

Staff clarified that this application does not propose any expansion to the airport and that the application is currently on waiver to allow time for the applicant to revise their proposed plans.

Application 140212-1 Crosstown Parkway Extension (Bridge Over North Forks)

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding this application and expressed concern and opposition to the issuance of the permit.

Staff is currently evaluating the proposed application.

4. Public Comment on other Pending Permit Applications

Public Comment: Alex Larson commented on project names listed on the List of Individual Applications Complete and Notice of Receipt of Individual Permit Applications reports.

Application Mecca 50-06558-P

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired and expressed concerns regarding this application in specific to roads on the property and the possible closing of access to the Corbett area.

Staff explained that the permit is to transfer portion from District to the County. The project has an existing road that will remain and an area for a shooting range.

Application 140217-16 Bourne 5

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding the transfer and requested clarification of the application.

Staff clarified that this application is an ownership transfer request as a result of a land swap approved by the Governing Board at its January 9, 2014, meeting. Staff also clarified that this particular tract has been identified as Bourne 5 since 1991. Staff reiterated that project names as requested by the applicant.

Application 140218-3 EAA A-1 FEB

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff explained that this application is for a minor general water use permit for drinking water supply for the construction trailers.

Application 140219-14 Weston Estates

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application.

Staff explained it is a dewatering application that has been voided.

Application 130827-6 Hilton Convention Center

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired regarding this application and expressed concern regarding a newspaper article that discussed water testing and potential contamination.

Staff responded that the Department of Environmental Protection would address any concerns regarding potential water contamination.

Application 140106-12 Eastern Metal Supply

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding this application.

Application 140312-15 Winding Water Natural Area

Public Comment: Alex Larson inquired pertaining to the location of this application.

Staff responded clarified the location of the project.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired if the District has received any applications related to the Palm Beach County Ag Reserve Area.

Staff responded that staff will verify that all application in house and any the future applications in the area will appear on the heightened public concern

Public Comment: Drew Martin requested any applications in the Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge be placed on the heightened public concern list.

Staff responded that we will review if any applications have been submitted and these will be

identified as heightened public concern.

Public Comment: Drew Martin inquired regarding the receipt of any applications that would propose new urban development.

Staff responded that there are no new applications currently in house and that any future applications will be identified as heightened public concern.

5. Public Comment on General Regulatory Issues

Public Comment: Drew Martin expressed concern regarding a potential baseball park within the John Prince State Park and inquired regarding the District's involvement in issuance of any permits.

Staff responded that the District that if a baseball park is proposed the developer would have to submit applications to the District.

Applications: 140108-6; 140212-8; 140107-2 GL Homes – Hydro Ag PUD

Public Comment: Alex Larson expressed concerns regarding water drainage within various Drainage Districts.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.